GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ANTI-CORROSION RAILS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether corrosioned rails developing cracks increases the probability of accidents;

(b) if so, whether the Government have considered launching an ambitious plan to develop anti-corrosion rails; and

(c) if so, the time by which this project is likely to be started and the amount to be spent for this purpose, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), on the request of Railways, have recently developed corrosion resistant rails.

(c): The development phase is over and the project is currently under trial. Further action shall be taken based on the results of the trial. The project has been done with in-house capability and no separate allocation has been for this purpose.